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BIG TAX VETOED

Mayor Thompson Knocks Out Thirty Million Dollar Tax Levy Submitted to Council by School Board

The Council Confirms the Eleven New School Board Appointees of the Mayor by Large Majority

Mayor Thompson vetoed the \$29,500,000 tax levy ordinance of the school board, passed a week ago by the council. He declared in his veto message that this levy might invalidate other increased levies to be made, and suggested that the board issue certificates of indebtedness until the legislature straightened out the tax increase matter. The council repealed the ordinance and passed an ordinance allowing the certificates to be issued.

The council accepted the challenge of the Elks to play a game of baseball June 28 at the White Sox park.

The city hall was closed Tuesday so the employees could greet the 33rd division. The council went with the mayor to review the troops.

Ald. Adamowski offered a resolution asking that the administration give preference to returned sailors, soldiers and marines in handling out sixty-day appointee jobs. This was adopted.

Ald. Adamowski also offered a resolution asking that the building code be amended so that the building height limit for new structures would be 130 feet. This was sent to the building committee. The present height limit is 200 feet, the council several years ago changing this from 260, but lately efforts have been made to remove all height restrictions.

Changes in the 1912 police reorganization ordinance were sought in an order offered by Ald. Cullerton. This was sent to the police committee.

Only two tag days a year will be permitted after next month, the council ruled. The tag day requests on hand will be disposed of by permitting a "jackpot" tag day to be held either June 8 or 16.

The streets and alleys committee recommended an ordinance abolishing all street stands and on elevated railroad structures in the loop, except for the sales of newspapers. Also an ordinance changing the name of 12th street to Roosevelt road.

The council confirmed the eleven members of the school board appointed by the mayor.

Following are the members of the new board:

Five year terms: Mrs. Lulu M. Snodgrass, Samuel Gessler.

Four years: Dr. Boleslaus Klarkowski, James P. Resny.

Three years: Mrs. Frances E. Thornton, Dr. Sadie Bay Adair.

Two years: Edwin S. Davis, Albert H. Severinghaus.

One year: Hart Hanson, Francis E. Croarkin, George B. Arnold.

The council will meet again June 9.

FOR CITY ECONOMY

The new city council committee on efficiency, economy and rehabilitation has decided upon the following program:

Look into the organization of all departments and bureaus.

Take up all ordinances providing for new departments or bureaus.

Consider all ordinances for consolidation of existing departments and other important transfers.

Consolidation of taxing bodies.

Centralized purchases of the city.

Centralized pay roll preparation.

Survey of the street lighting system.

Survey for a ten year program for the water department.

Separation of the street and alley cleaning work and garbage removal from the bureau of streets and setting this up as a separate department.

The committee will ask for an appropriation of \$12,000 to carry on its work.

Ald. A. A. McCormick, chairman of

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HOW CONGRESS STANDS

Lines Up Very Dry on the Proposed Repeal.

A poll of Congress made this week shows overwhelming sentiment against repealing the war-time prohibition act as it relates to wine and beer, as recommended by the president.

It, therefore, appears certain that the country will become dry July 1.

The results of the poll follow:

Senate: For repeal, 20; against repeal, 34; noncommittal, 31.

House: For repeal, 110; against repeal, 216; noncommittal, 89.

Here is the way Middle West senators voted:

Senators: No. Summings, Iowa; Newberry and Townsend, Michigan; Sherman, Illinois; Weston, Indiana.

Noncommittal: Nelson, Minnesota; McCormick, Illinois.

Representatives: Illinois: Yes: J. W. Rainey, Adolph J. Sabath, James McAndrews, Thomas Gallagher, Democrats; Fred A. Britten, William A. Rodenberg, Republicans. No: Richard Yates, Edward J. King, William G. McKinley, John C. McKenzie, Thomas S. Williams, Republicans; Henry T. Rainey, Democrat. Noncommittal: Niels Juul, Carl R. Chindblom, E. B. Brooks, Ira C. Copley, Charles E. Fuller, Clifford Ireland, Joseph G. Cannon, Loren E. Wheeler, William E. Mason, Republicans.

Indiana: No: Oscar E. Bland, Rich-

WACKERON BONDS

Declares That Measures Can All Be Safeguarded and Passed in a Single Day if Necessary

The Interests of the Small Taxpayers Demand That the City Be Given Right to Issue More Bonds

Charles H. Wacker, chairman of the Chicago Plan Commission, says:

The public has been misled regarding certain important features concerning the increased bonding power legislation now pending.

It has been stated that there was insufficient time to pass the bills and

copies of these schedules are available to the public.

Furthermore, as a final safeguard, I wish to inform the public that I will personally agree to furnish the money to pay any attorney or attorneys the governor may care to select to go over and approve the bills before they receive his signature. If it is found that they contain any errors of a harmful nature the governor can veto them all. The bureau of public efficiency and the Civic Federation will have ample opportunity to go over the bills after they are passed, or now, for that matter, so that there is no possible chance of anything being wrong with them.

The taxpayer should bear in mind that the increased bonding bills will not increase the amount of taxes one iota beyond the small annual levy for the sinking fund and interest to retire the bonds. This would amount to only 33 cents on every \$100 of assessed valuation even if \$50,000,000 worth of bonds were issued at one time. That, of course, is impossible. The bonds will be spread over years, and the special levy will actually be very much less than 33 cents per hundred.

No bonds can be issued without a referendum, so that the people will say whether they want the bonds or not. All the legislature is asked to do is to give the people the right to say whether they wish to bond themselves for public improvements. If they do, posterity will help to pay for the improvements we can all enjoy today, and which will save the future citizens untold expense.

If this legislation fails Chicago will face the greatest hardship in its history, past or future. The burden of its failure will be upon those who can and should save the day. Every citizen should seek to understand the real facts in this vital measure and demand action by the legislature without delay.

A petition is being circulated to the members of the legislature urging them to increase the assessed valuation from one-third to the full amount. This petition has already been signed by John J. Mitchell, George M. Reynolds, Edmund D. Hulbert, John G. Shedd, Wallace Heckman, John V. Farwell, John W. Scott, D. F. Kelly, Greengbaum Sons' bank, Fort Dearborn National bank, Kerfoot & Co., Mead & Coe, Chandler, Hildreth & Co., Edward G. Waller, Chancellor L. Jenks, George C. Newberry company and about forty other prominent real estate firms.

PAULLIN AND CLARK WANT INQUIRY

Sanitary Trustees Welcome Investigation.

"Let's make it unanimous," is the reply of Trustee George W. Paullin and Wallace G. Clark of the sanitary district to the demand of Trustee Willis O. Nance that there be a legislative investigation of the way in which the district has been run as regards efficiency and economy. Trustees Clark and Paullin, who represent the majority in control of the district, have issued the following joint statement in reply to the charges made by Trustee Nance:

"The statement made by Dr. Nance simply indicates that he is determined to either run the sanitary district or ruin it. As far as an investigation is concerned, we welcome one. The records of the board will show that early in 1918 the old board, of which Dr. Nance was not a member, passed a resolution by a unanimous vote inviting the Bureau of Public Efficiency, the state's attorney or any other responsible body or person to make an investigation of its affairs. We voted for the resolution and stand by it now.

"As far as Dr. Nance's criticism of

the employment of Mr. Adcock is concerned it is only necessary again to cite the records of the board, which show that both Dr. Nance and President Sergel, with whom he has been acting, voted for the employment of Mr. Adcock as special counsel. Dr. Nance knows that it would have been impossible to have retained Mr. Adcock as attorney for the board. He told the trustees that he had promised his wife to re-enter private practice and the only way in which we could obtain his services was by employing him as special counsel."

CONSULS CAN GET LIQUOR

Julius F. Smietanka, Chicago collector of internal revenue, can't interfere, he says, with any liquor shipments addressed to the representative of any foreign nation. Neither will the search and seizure act apply to the residence or office of a consul.

There are a few nations which are not maintaining consulates in Chicago. This can be remedied, for it is not required that a consul be a native or a citizen of a country whose interests he is assigned to represent.

The King of Siam, for instance, hasn't any one in these parts on whom he can call in time of need. Investment of a few cents in postage might bring authorization as Chicago consul of Siam.

Collector Smietanka is expecting a ruling from Washington on the right of clergymen to receive wine shipments after the prohibition edict becomes effective.

"Some denominations use wine in rites," he said, "and it is likely the law does not intend to interfere. The question is: How inclusive is the exception to be? Does it cover anything other than wines?"

CITY MILK DEPOTS

Chicago Will Supply Citizens With Milk at Reasonable Rates.

Assistants to Corporation Counsel Ettelson started work on an ordinance empowering Health Commissioner Robertson to establish three municipal milk stations for the sale of milk at not to exceed 11 cents a quart.

If present laws will not permit carrying out of the scheme Commissioner Robertson said emergency legislation would be sought while the legislature is in session.

The three stations would be located on the North, West and South sides near railway transportation and would be used for pasteurizing and bottling. Groceries and other stores would be supplied for distributing to the general public. A profit of 1 cent a quart would be allowed dealers.

"The scheme is meeting with general approval," said Doctor Robertson. "Something must be done to get milk to the poor at a lower price than is now being charged."

Patrons of the large dealers who belong to the Illinois Milk Dealers' Association will pay 14 cents a quart beginning today. Some of the small dealers will continue to charge 13 cents.

Laurence R. Adams, the popular manager of the fine Brevoort Hotel, is one of Chicago's prosperous citizens and one of the best liked hotel men in the United States.

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W. O. DUNTLEY,

Leader in the Business World Who Would Make a Great Governor of Illinois.

tons of poultry have been held in cold storage.

"Establishment of a department of food, markets and farm products is the most important thing pending before the city council."

ELECT ISAAC N. POWELL

Isaac N. Powell became president of the South Side State Bank at Cottage Grove avenue and East 43d street, vice Henry W. Mahan, who died Monday. Mr. Powell has been vice president of the institution, and also a director of the Washington Park National bank, of which Mr. Mahan was also president. Mr. Powell has been well known in south side banking circles for a number of years and has been active in Seventh ward politics as a republican leader.

ard N. Elliott, William R. Wood, Louis W. Fairfield, Republicans. Noncommittal: O. R. Lühring, Republican.

Wisconsin: Yes: Edward Voight, John C. Kleczka, Republicans. No: J. G. Monahan, Adolphus P. Nelson, Republicans. Noncommittal: C. E. Randall, Florian Lampert, Edward E. Browne, David G. Classon, James A. Frear, Republicans.

P. G. Jacobson, the popular president of the prosperous Reliance Die and Stamping Company, located at 501 to 511 North La Salle street, is one of the most highly respected business men of Chicago. He is always pulling for the advancement of Chicago's interest and as a wide awake citizen does much for the city's advancement.

safeguard all of them against error. I know for a positive certainty that the bills can be passed in one day. This is according to the best legislative authorities.

It has been argued that the bonding bills might be passed without passing the reduction tax rate bills, designed so that the amount of taxes will not be increased. The plan is to pass all the bills at one time, or to pass none of them. In this way there is absolutely no danger of errors, omissions, or anything that would not safeguard the taxpayer.

The reduction rates have all been figured accurately to a mill on every single bill and are ready to be applied on whatever rate of increase in the assessed valuation may be decided upon, whether two-thirds or the full value. I have personally reviewed these reduction rates with Assistant Corporation Counsel Hornstein and

COST OF LIVING TOO HIGH

City Council Is Urged to Cut It.

Aldermanic action to cut the high cost of living has been agreed upon by Health Commissioner John Dill Robertson and Ald. John H. Lyle. The pair have issued a statement urging quick passage of Lyle's food, market and farm produce ordinance. This statement in part says:

"Since the average family spends annually 48.4 per cent of its income for food, and since that expenditure in Chicago this year will total more than \$340,000,000, any department the